

search of the Government. So bloodthirsty were the Royalists that they accused the Prefect of Police of favoring the escape, the very King himself seeming to fear this charge, — a strange one, as Xey had already been shot.

Though the Duke of Wellington looked on with unconcern at the executions which were being carried out, the English army were not all satisfied at being employed to keep the French quiet while the men who had died at the sight of Napoleon butchered the soldiers who had faced every army in Europe. A scheme, which had been prepared to rescue Ney was now directed to save Lavallette. Sir Robert; Wilson, Bruce, and Hutchinson, whose names should be honored by every Englishman, succeeded in snatching one prey from the 'Bourbons; and Lavallette, in the dress of an English officer, drove out of Paris by the side of Sir Robert, and again appeared at his side when Sir Robert canvassed Westminster. The Royalists were left to the poor satisfaction of badgering Madame de Lavallette out of her mind. Sir Robert returned to Paris, was arrested, tried, and sentenced to three months' imprisonment, with his associates, but himself had been loud in abuse of the Bonapartists in their days of success, but he was a gallant soldier, and having faced the French in the field, and having done his best to inspire the Court, of Russia with his own zeal against them, he was not prepared to have, even a passive share, in the task of butchering men whose sole crime, was having served an Emperor only kept from the undisputed possession of the throne of France by a million of foreign bayonets.

Ourrienne himself might fairly have expected to figure amongst the statesmen of the day. He almost under-represents his own part in affairs at this time, as he was really a conspicuous and busy figure, being much employed by Talleyrand in his numerous little plots. How he did not recover the Prefecture of Police*, which he held before, the flight to which we learn by chance, not from his Memoirs, but from the Yitrolles, who, finding Talleyrand complaining after the return of the manners of the new Prefect, Decazes, whom Talleyrand considered to resemble a young hairdresser, asked